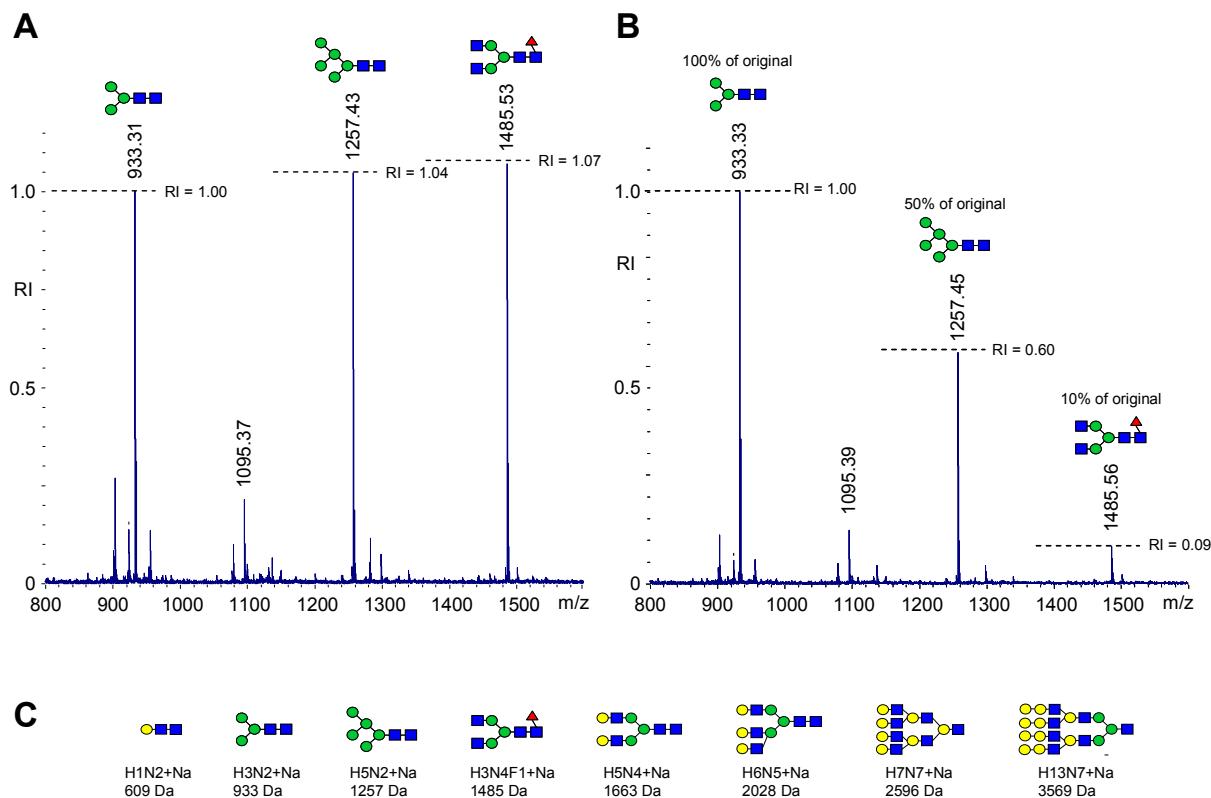


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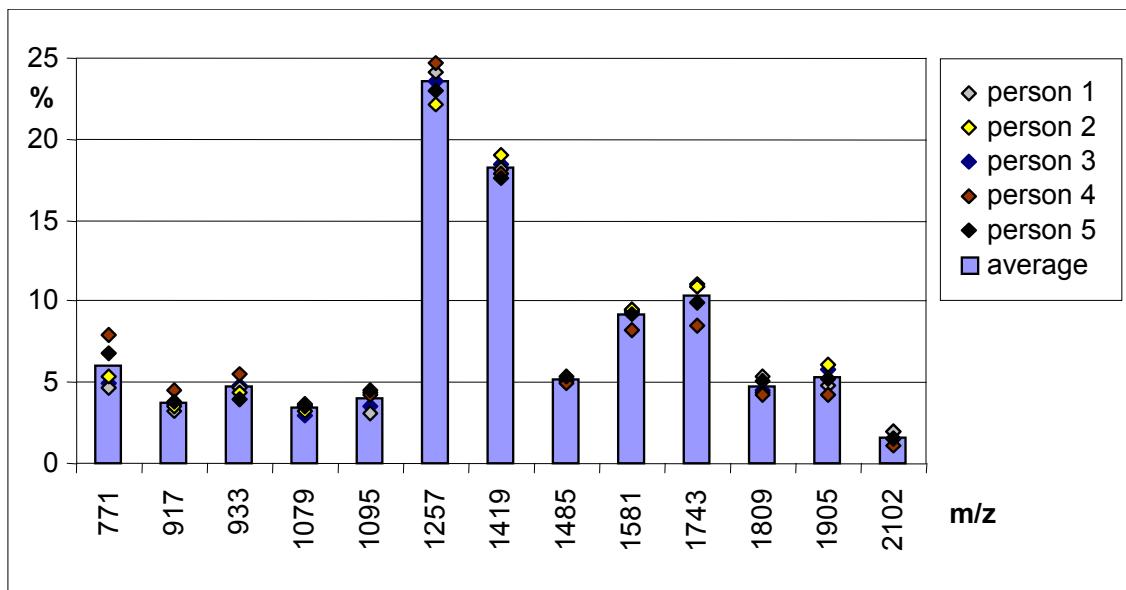
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**Supplementary Figure 1. Method evaluation.** Applicability of the method for relative quantitation of glycans was evaluated by mixtures of purified N-glycans. **A.** Mixture of three glycans at m/z 933, 1257, and 1485 was analysed. They yielded similar signal intensities (relative intensity RI was between 1.00 and 1.07, comparison to m/z 933 signal). **B.** Another glycan mixture was prepared, with the molar amount of glycan at m/z 1257 reduced to 50% and the molar amount of glycan at m/z 1485 reduced to 10%. The relative signal intensities reflected the change in the composition of the glycan mixture. RI of glycan at m/z 1257 was reduced to 58% of original and RI of glycan at m/z 1485 was reduced to 8.4% of original (comparison to m/z 933 signal). **C.** Example of the whole m/z range covering standard glycan mixture between 609-3569 Da for quality control of neutral N-glycan profiling.

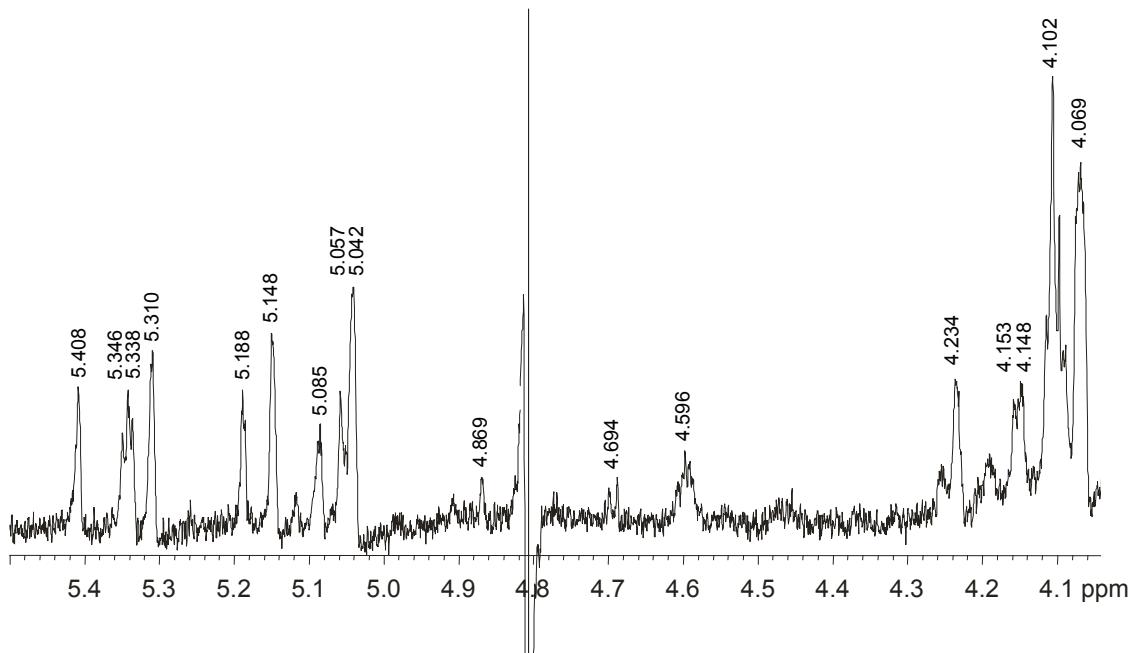
Similar results were routinely obtained for acidic glycans analyzed in the negative ion mode (data not shown).



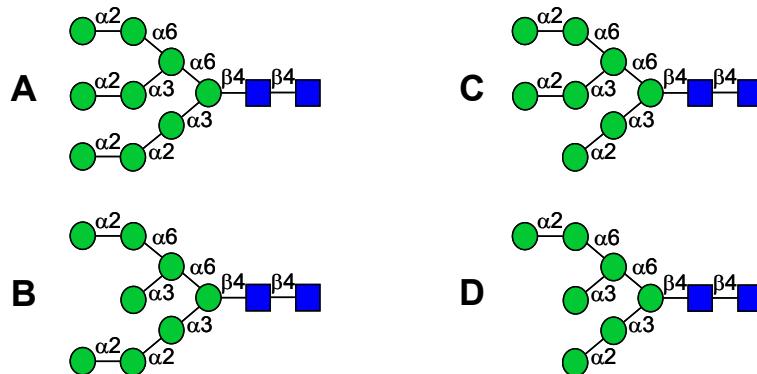
**Supplementary Figure 2.** Method evaluation. Neutral protein-linked glycan analysis performed by five different persons showing good reproducibility of the present method. m/z values refer to  $[M+Na]^+$  ions.



**Supplementary Figure 3.**  $^1\text{H}$ -NMR analysis of the major hESC neutral N-glycans. The figure displays the anomeric proton region of the spectrum showing the structural reporter signals (Supplementary Table 2). The spectrum also included two major N-acetyl proton signals at 2.038 and 2.061 ppm (not shown). The chemical shifts are expressed in parts per million (ppm) by reference to internal standard acetone (2.225 ppm).



**Supplementary Table 1. NMR analysis of the major neutral N-glycans of hESC.** The identified signals were consistent with high-mannose type N-glycan structures such as the structures A-D that have monosaccharide compositions H<sub>7,9</sub>N<sub>2</sub>. The significant signals in the NMR spectrum can be explained by the following glycan structure combinations: A+B+C+D, A+B+D, A+C+D, B+C+D, A+D, or B+C. Reference data is after Fu *et al.* (Fu, D., *et al.*, 1994, Carbohydr. Res. 261, 173-186) and Hård *et al.* (Hård, K., *et al.*, 1991, Glycoconj. J. 8, 17-28). Monosaccharide symbols are as in the main text.

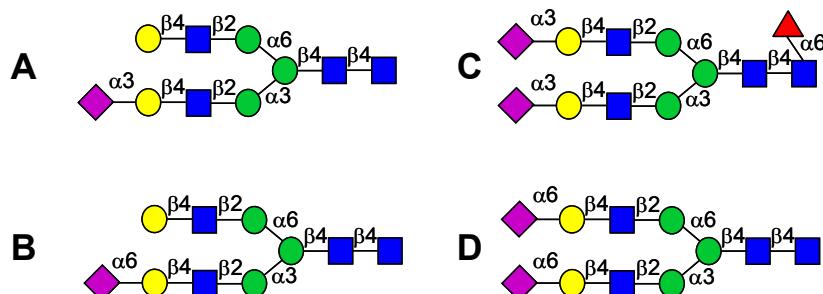


Glycan residue			<sup>1</sup> H-NMR chemical shift (ppm)				
Residue	Linkage	Proton	A	B	C	D	hESC <sup>1)</sup>
D-GlcNAc		H-1α	5.191	5.187	5.187	5.188	5.188
		H-1β	4.690	4.693	4.693	4.695	4.694
		NAc	2.042	2.037	2.037	2.038	2.038
β-D-GlcNAc	4	H-1	4.596	4.586	4.586	4.600	4.596
		NAc	2.072	2.063	2.063	2.064	2.061
β-D-Man	4,4	H-1	4.775	4.771	4.771	4.780	2)
		H-2	4.238	4.234	4.234	4.240	4.234
α-D-Man	6,4,4	H-1	4.869	4.870	4.870	4.870	4.869
		H-2	4.149	4.149	4.149	4.150	4.153
α-D-Man	6,6,4,4	H-1	5.153	5.151	5.151	5.143	5.148
		H-2	4.025	4.021	4.021	4.020	4.023
α-D-Man	2,6,6,4,4	H-1	5.047	5.042	5.042	5.041	5.042
		H-2	4.074	4.069	4.069	4.070	4.069
α-D-Man	3,6,4,4	H-1	5.414	5.085	5.415	5.092	5.408 / 5.085
		H-2	4.108	4.069	4.099	4.070	4.102 / 4.069
α-D-Man	2,3,6,4,4	H-1	5.047	-	5.042	-	5.042
		H-2	4.074	-	4.069	-	4.069
α-D-Man	3,4,4	H-1	5.343	5.341	5.341	5.345	5.346 / 5.338
		H-2	4.108	4.099	4.099	4.120	4.102
α-D-Man	2,3,4,4	H-1	5.317	5.309	5.050	5.055	5.310 / 5.057
		H-2	4.108	4.099	4.069	4.070	4.102 / 4.069
α-D-Man	2,2,3,4,4	H-1	5.047	5.042	-	-	5.042
		H-2	4.074	4.069	-	-	4.069

1) Chemical shifts determined from the center of the signal.

2) Signal under HDO.

**Supplementary Table 2. NMR analysis of the major sialylated N-glycans of hESC.** The identified signals were consistent with sialylated biantennary complex-type N-glycan structures such as the structures A-D that have monosaccharide compositions  $S_{1-2}H_5N_4F_{0-1}$ . Reference data is after Hård *et al.* (Hård, K., *et al.*, 1992, Eur. J. Biochem. 209, 895-915) and Helin *et al.* (Helin, J., *et al.*, 1995, Carbohydr. Res. 266, 191-209). The significant signals in the NMR spectrum can be explained by the structural components of these reference structures. Monosaccharide symbols are as in the main text.



Glycan residue			$^1\text{H-NMR}$ chemical shift (ppm)				
Residue	Linkage	Proton	A	B	C	D	hESC <sup>1)</sup>
D-GlcNAc		H-1 $\alpha$	5.188	5.189	5.181	5.189	5.182 / 5.188
		NAc	2.038	2.038	2.039	2.038	2.038
$\alpha$ -L-Fuc	6	H-1 $\alpha$	-	-	4.892	-	4.893
		H-1 $\beta$	-	-	4.900	-	4.893
		CH <sub>3</sub> $\alpha$	-	-	1.211	-	1.210
		CH <sub>3</sub> $\beta$	-	-	1.223	-	1.219
$\beta$ -D-GlcNAc	4	H-1 $\beta$	4.604	4.606	n.a.	4.604	4.605
		NAc	2.081	2.081	2.096	2.084	2.081 / 2.095
$\beta$ -D-Man	4,4	H-1	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
		H-2	4.246	4.253	4.248	4.258	4.256
$\alpha$ -D-Man	6,4,4	H-1	4.928	4.930	4.922	4.948	4.927
		H-2	4.11	4.112	4.11	4.117	n.a.
$\beta$ -D-GlcNAc	2,6,4,4	H-1	4.581	4.582	4.573	4.604	4.579 / 4.605
		NAc	2.047	2.047	2.043	2.066	2.047 / 2.069
$\beta$ -D-Gal	4,2,6,4,4	H-1	4.473	4.473	4.550	4.447	4.447 / 4.472 / 4.545
		H-4	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	4.185
$\alpha$ -D-Man	3,4,4	H-1	5.118	5.135	5.116	5.133	5.118 / 5.134
		H-2	4.190	4.196	4.189	4.197	4.195
$\beta$ -D-GlcNAc	2,3,4,4	H-1	4.573	4.606	4.573	4.604	4.579 / 4.605
		NAc	2.047	2.069	2.048	2.070	2.047 / 2.069
$\beta$ -D-Gal	4,2,3,4,4	H-1	4.545	4.445	4.544	4.443	4.445 / 4.545
		H-3	4.113	n.a.	4.113	n.a.	n.a.

1) Chemical shifts determined from the center of the signal.

n.a.: Not assigned.

**Supplementary Table 3. One-way ANOVA of neutral N-glycan signals.** “x” denotes p-value < 0.05 and “y” equals 0.051 < p-value < 0.099. Highlighted p-values depict statistically significant association of the corresponding signal with hESC. Due to low n number, p-values < 0.099 were considered to be significant.

m/z	hESC - EB	hESC – St3				
609			1590			
730		x	1606			
771	x	x	1622			
892	x	x	1647			
917	x	x	1663			
933	x	y	1688		x	
1031			1702	x		x
1054	x	x	1704			
1079	x	x	1717			
1095	x		1743	x	x	
1120	y	x	1752			
1136			1768			
1209			1784			
1216	x	y	1793			
1241			1809	x	x	
1257	y		1825		x	
1282		y	1850		x	
1298			1866			
1323			1905	x		
1339		y	1955	x		x
1378	x		1971			
1393			1987			
1403	y		1996	y		y
1419		x	2012			
1428			2028	x	x	
1444			2041	y		y
1460			2067	x		x
1485			2101			
1501		y	2117			
1540	x		2142			
1555			2158	y		
1565		y	2174	x		x
1581	x	x	2229			
			2304		x	

**Supplementary Table 4. One-way ANOVA of acidic N-glycan signals.** “x” denotes p-value < 0.05 and “y” equals 0.051 < p-value < 0.099. Highlighted p-values depict statistically significant association of the corresponding signals with hESC. Due to low n number, p-values < 0.099 were considered to be significant.

m/z	hESC-EB	hESC-st3				
1354		x	2074			2457
1362			2076	y	x	2482
1403			2082			2483
1475		x	2092	x	x	2512
1500		x	2117			2513
1516			2133		x	2521
1541		x	2156		x	2522
1549			2157			2528
1557			2164			2529
1563			2174			2544
1565			2178			2570
1637		x	2214			2571
1678	x	x	2219			2586
1703	x	x	2221	x	x	2587
1709			2222	x	x	2603
1711			2230	x	x	2644
1717			2237		x	2645
1719	x	y	2238			2660
1727			2239	x		2683
1744		y	2246			2714
1760			2253		y	2732
1768	y		2254			2733
1791		x	2263		y	2791
1799		x	2279	x	x	2806
1840			2280		x	2807
1849			2293			2812
1856			2295			2878
1865		x	2302			2879
1873	x	y	2305			2880
1889	y		2319			2886
1906	x	x	2320			2936
1914	x		2321			2952
1928			2349			2953
1930	x	x	2365			3024
1946	y	x	2367	x	x	3025
1947	x	x	2368	x	x	3026
1971			2376			3098
1972			2383		x	3099
2002	x	y	2384		y	3104
2010		x	2390	x	x	3105
2011			2400			3170
2018			2406			3171
2035		x	2408	x	x	3172
2051			2424			3244
2052			2425			3389
2060			2441	x	y	3390
2068		x	2447	y	y	3463
			2448			